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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRAVEL TO GULF STATES
FOR ATHERTON FROM SOBER

1. A KUWAITI NEWSPAPER YESTERDAY CARRIED FRONT-PAGE STORY THAT SECRETARY PLANNED VISIT THE GULF IN MARCH. PAGANELLI REPORTS A QATARI DAILY CARRIED SIMILAR STORY TODAY, AND HE EXPECTS HE WILL BE ASKED ABOUT IT AT A MEETING WHICH HE IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE WITH THE AMIR TOMORROW.

2. SHOULD QUESTION ABOUT SECRETARY'S INTENTIONS TO VISIT THE GULF NEXT MONTH COME UP AT TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING, I SUGGEST WE ANSWER AS FOLLOWS: (AND IN ANY EVENT WE WOULD USE THIS LINE AS GUIDANCE FOR PAGANELLI IF THE QUESTION IS RAISED WITH HIM BY AMIR.)

BEGIN QUOTE:

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NO FIRM PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE AS YET FOR THE SECRETARY'S TRAVEL TO THE MIDDLE EAST FOLLOWING HIS PRESENT TRIP. HIS SPECIFIC ITINERARY WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT ONCE IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT HE SHOULD RETURN TO THE REGION AGAIN.
END QUOTE.

3. PLEASE REPLY FLASH IF POSSIBLE. INGERSOLL

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